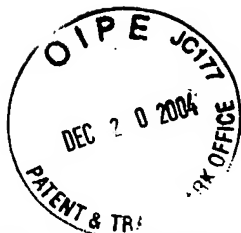


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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111**

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Sir:

Responsive to the Official Action of September 20, 2004, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections made therein are respectfully requested, in view of the following amendments and remarks. Inasmuch as the Official Action sets a three-month shortened statutory period which expires December 20, 2004, this Amendment is being timely filed and no extension of time is believed necessary. However, if an extension is deemed by the Patent and Trademark Office to be necessary, the same is hereby requested and the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any necessary fees in connection therewith or any fees necessary to preserve the pendency of this application to deposit account No. 19-0089.

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In response to the Office Action, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendment to the Specification begins on page 3 of this paper.**

**Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 5 of this paper.**

**Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10 of this paper.**